Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Miriam Ruth McDonald, and we are richer because Miriam lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Miriam was born August 20, 1913, and she and her sister, Florence, were the children of Philip and Ethel Tremblay of Woonsocket; and,

Whereas, Miriam received her education at the McDonald School in rural Woonsocket and Woonsocket High School, and went on to earn a teaching certificate at Eastern State Normal College in Madison, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Miriam married Joseph H. McDonald on November 20, 1933, at Saint Wilfrid Catholic Church in Woonsocket; and

Whereas, Joseph and Miriam gave life and love to 11 children, who went on to procreate 27 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Miriam cared for six of her children by herself, without the benefit of a car or many of the amenities of modern life, while Joe served with the United States Army in Europe and Japan during and immediately after WWII; and,

Whereas, Miriam now resides in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, enjoying many activities and interests, and will observe her 90th birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived and exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 20, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State